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Policy on the use of the 2007 CEC for Solar Photovoltaic Systems

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Purpose

In an effort to facilitate the current request by Photovoltaic Contractors to use the upcoming code cycle as a means to incorporate the latest in installation methods and safety processes, the City has developed the following policy. The provisions of this policy apply only to permits for the installation of solar photo voltaic systems. This policy will not extend to permits for other types of electrical work.

The City of San Jose is in the process of adopting the 2007 California Electrical Code with no amendments to article 690. The adoption process will be complete on January 1, 2008 which will void the need for this policy on that date.

Policy

Solar Photovoltaic Systems may be installed based on the 2007 California Electrical Code under the following:

- The permit application shall reflect the 2007 California Electrical Code.
- The electrical permit shall reflect 2007 California Electrical Code.
- The field documents shall reflect the installation of the 2007 California Electrical Code in its entirety.
- The field documents and all required calculations shall be made available to the field electrical specialty inspector for review under the 2007 California Electrical Code.
- Additional time may be required for the field inspector to assess the installation of the system to the 2007 California Electrical Code.

In no case will it be acceptable to use portions of the current 2004 California Electrical Code in lieu of the 2007 California Electrical Code for the installation of these systems.

For additional information on permits and plan review refer to Building Division Informational Handout No. 1-10.

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